WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Decline in Crude oil Production

181. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minsiter of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in country's overall crude oil production from 34 million tonnes in 1989-90 to 26.94 million tonnes in 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what has been the target fixed for the current year; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the potential of Bombay High has not been adequately exploited, if so, what are the details of constraints in this regard and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for fall in production include:

(i) slippages in projects?
(ii) strike by the employees;
(iii) reservoir constraints in WRBC;
(iv) foods/power shortages etc;
(v) frequent bandhs/barricades in the Eastern Region;
(vi) rectificatory measures in Bombay High field.

(c) The target for indigenous production of crude oil during 1993-94 is 27.17 million tonnes.

(d) Bombay High has been exploited to its potential as per the schemes implemented and produced to the level of 19 MMTPA for seven years. However, the production has been reduced during last three years for implementing he rectificatory measures recommended by the B.H. Review Committee. With the implementation of schemes of L-II North, L-III South additional, and with effective reservoir management, the production from Bombay High would increase from current level fo 11.2 to 15.74 MMT by the year 1995-96.

Opening of the Kailash-Manasarovar Route from Ladakh Region

*186. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently taken up with the Chinese authorities the issue of opening of the Kailash-manasarovar route from the Ladakh region; side; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of Factories Polluting Ganga

*187. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minsiter of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the write-up in the Hindustan Times of 18th September, 1993 regarding the closure of 190 units of factories polluting Ganga;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in cleaning Ganga and other main rivers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Honourable Supreme Court vide its judgement dated 17th September, 1993 had ordered closure of 190 industries causing pollution in Ganga basin in Uttar Pradesh. Following is the break-up of industries ordered closed by the Hon'ble supreme Court: